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Colorado Cyber Security Program Launches Laptop Encrpytion Program to Keep Sensitive Data Safe

In Colorado State Government, some of the information we work with is sensitive, so keeping it secure and confidential is a high priority.

Protecting data can be a challenge because there are currently over 6,700 laptops in Colorado State Government.   Many of these systems may contain sensitive information in a variety of places – email messages, documents, and presentations.

At the Colorado Cyber Security Office our objective is to provide a Laptop Encryption Program standard capable of protecting critical or otherwise important information on the State of Colorado laptops.

The benefits from the Colorado Laptop Encryption Program will include:

- All state public agencies will be funded by the CISO's office
- 6,700 laptops will be used as the baseline
- Executive agencies will have a Mandatory Price Agreement for future purchases
- Secretary of State, Attorney General, Higher Education, and Local Government organizations may use the Price Agreement
- Acceptance testing involves agency operational infrastructures

Where Are We Now?

- Project Management Plan – In place and being used
- On Schedule –Announcement of winner December 8, 2006. The award can be view here: https://www.gssa.state.co.us/BdSols.nsf/6f4073ad00fbd5c187256f8d007e733a/e172acff6f3bdefa8725723e007cb00a?OpenDocument

- RFP – Written, Reviewed, and Issued
- Bidder Questions – Received and Responses provided
- Bidder Responses – Received, Being Evaluated and Product Demonstrations Completed
- Acceptance Testing - Underway

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Colorado's Chief Information Security Officer Highlighted in Channel 9 News Story

Excepted from November 13, 2006 story
Woman believes she's been exposed to identity theft

"It is a problem," said Mark Weatherford, Colorado's Chief Information Security Officer.

"It's the biggest trend in the information security business now is knowing where our information is, who has access to it and how we're protecting it." Weatherford says he's working on helping state agencies keep information safe. "Any laptop computer that the state owns, we're going to deploy full encryption software on the computers."

For the complete story go to:

http://www.9news.com/acm_news.aspx?OSGNAME=KUSA&IKOBJECTID=e2741e29-0abe-421a-01d6-fa9ac36ea471&TEMPLATEID=0c76dce6-ac1f-02d8-0047-c589c01ca7bf